

THE CHURCHES OF ALL SAINTS, WIGSTON MAGNA & ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE, SOUTH WIGSTON

# THE WIGSTON BENEFICE



## MOTHERING SUNDAY

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026

10:00 AM SUNG MASS

*ALL SAINTS, WIGSTON MAGNA*

10:00 AM SUNG EUCHARIST

*ST. THOMAS', SOUTH WIGSTON*

# The Week Ahead

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<b>Sunday</b> <b>15<sup>th</sup></b> <b>March</b>	<b>Mothering Sunday</b> 10:00 am Sung Mass 10:00 am Sung Eucharist	<i>All Saints</i> <i>St. Thomas'</i>
<b>Monday</b> <b>16<sup>th</sup></b> <b>March</b>	<b>Feria</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>17<sup>th</sup></b> <b>March</b>	<b>Feria</b> 11:00 am Funeral 2:00 pm Stations of the Cross	<i>All Saints</i> <i>St. Thomas'</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>18<sup>th</sup></b> <b>March</b>	<b>Feria</b> 10:30 am Said Eucharist 2:00 pm Lent Course	<i>St. Thomas'</i> <i>All Saints Church Room</i>
<b>Thursday</b> <b>19<sup>th</sup></b> <b>March</b>	<b>Joseph of Nazareth</b> 10:00 am Said Mass 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross	<i>All Saints</i> <i>Zoom</i>
<b>Friday</b> <b>20<sup>th</sup></b> <b>March</b>	<b>Feria</b> 3:00 pm Wedding 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross	<i>All Saints</i> <i>All Saints</i>
<b>Saturday</b> <b>21<sup>st</sup></b> <b>March</b>	<b>Feria</b> 10:00 am Morning Prayer	<i>All Saints</i>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>22<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>March</b>	<b>The Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> 10:00 am Sung Mass 10:00 am Morning Prayer	<i>All Saints</i> <i>St. Thomas'</i>

# Notices and Upcoming Events

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## Welcome!

A very warm welcome to any guests who are joining us for our services.

## Parish Giving

If you would like to give to support the life and work of our churches, you can use these QR Codes. All donations are very gratefully received, and help to keep us serving our communities.

**Give to  
All Saints**



**Give to  
St. Thomas'**



*'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.'*

— cf. Matthew 6.19-21

## Got a notice?

If you have a notice that needs including in our benefice bulletins, kindly send an email with the details to David. It would be helpful if you could flag your email with the word 'Notice' in the subject line.

## Welcome!

A very warm welcome to Revd. Paula Oxley who is kindly taking this morning's Eucharist at St. Thomas'.

## Wedding at All Saints

Michelle Holden and Ian Barbsy warmly invite folk to join them for their wedding service on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 3:00 pm at All Saints Church.

## Lent Course

*Wednesdays | 2:00 pm | All Saints Church Room*

This year's Lent course will be held in All Saints Church Room. Each of the four sessions will feature a talk on the life of Judas. Throughout we will ponder what we might learn about God's heart, revealed in the moments Jesus shares with Judas. This week's session will be on 18<sup>th</sup> March, with our final session on 25<sup>th</sup> March. All are welcome.

## Electoral Roll Revision

The Electoral Roll lists those who can vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), and also enables members to stand for election to the Parochial Church Council (PCC), as well as to deanery, diocesan, and national synods. In preparation for the APCM at St. Thomas', the Electoral Roll will be available for checking at the back of church between 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March. If anything needs amending or you would like to be included on the roll please speak to Carol Wood. The revised roll will be on display from Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

## St. Thomas' Reordering Plans

Please do have a look at the proposed plans and drawings for the reordering, which can be found on the board at the back of church. Please note that these are have gone out for consultation, and so are for information only.

## Bishops' Lent Appeal

*22<sup>nd</sup> February—5<sup>th</sup> April*

There are 2.5 million families in the UK who cannot afford a holiday. This is why the Bishops' Lent Appeal this year is for the Family Holiday Charity, a charity that helps to restore hope and strengthen relationships by providing breaks for families facing severe challenges like poverty, illness and isolation. You can help by taking a box of smarties at the end of our services, eating the smarties (assuming you haven't given up chocolate for Lent), and filling the box with 20p coins (or a bank note). The boxes can then be handed back any time in the run-up to Easter Sunday.

## Recently Departed

Please pray for the recently departed, and for all who mourn them:

✙ Mavis Bingley ✙ Patricia Harriman  
✙ Joan Lawton

## Find Our Churches

### All Saints

*Moat Street, Wigston Magna, LE18 2BA*  
what3words ///tells.famous.apples

### St. Thomas the Apostle

*St. Thomas' Road, South Wigston, LE18 4TA*  
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away with you and recycle after use.



# Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026

## Mothers' Sunday

### The Collect

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*(or)*

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Either Old Testament Reading

Exodus 2.1-10

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the

child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Or Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 1.20-28

A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.'

The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the LORD establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.'

She left him there for the LORD.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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*Either* **Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 34.11-20

**Refrain:** **O taste and see, O taste and see that the Lord is gracious.**

Come, my children, and listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Who is there who delights in life and longs for days to enjoy good things? **R**

Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words. Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. **R**

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous and his ears are open to their cry. The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to root out the remembrance of them from the earth. **R**

The righteous cry and the Lord hears them and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and will save those who are crushed in spirit. **R**

Many are the troubles of the righteous; from them all will the Lord deliver them. He keeps all their bones, so that not one of them is broken. **R**

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*Or* **Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 127.1-4

**Refrain:** **Children are a heritage from the Lord.**

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain. Unless the Lord keeps the city, the guard keeps watch in vain. **R**

It is in vain that you hasten to rise up early and go so late to rest, eating the bread of toil, for he gives his beloved sleep. **R**

Children are a heritage from the Lord and the fruit of the womb is his gift. **R**

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*Either* **Epistle Reading**

2 Corinthians 1.3-7

A reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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*Either* **Epistle Reading**

Colossians 3.12-17

A reading from the Letter to the Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ,  
King of eternal glory.  
'Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how often have I desired  
to gather your children together,' says the Lord,  
'as a hen gathers her brood under her wings.'

**Praise to you, O Christ,  
King of eternal glory.**

## Either Gospel Reading

Luke 2.33-35

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**



## Or Gospel Reading

John 19.25-27

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**



## Prayer after Communion

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

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and St. Thomas The Apostle, South Wigston*

# Lent Course



Kiss of Judas | Master Trecentesco of Sacro Specol

## Journeys with Judas

*Exploring the stories of Judas  
to discover more about God's generous heart.*

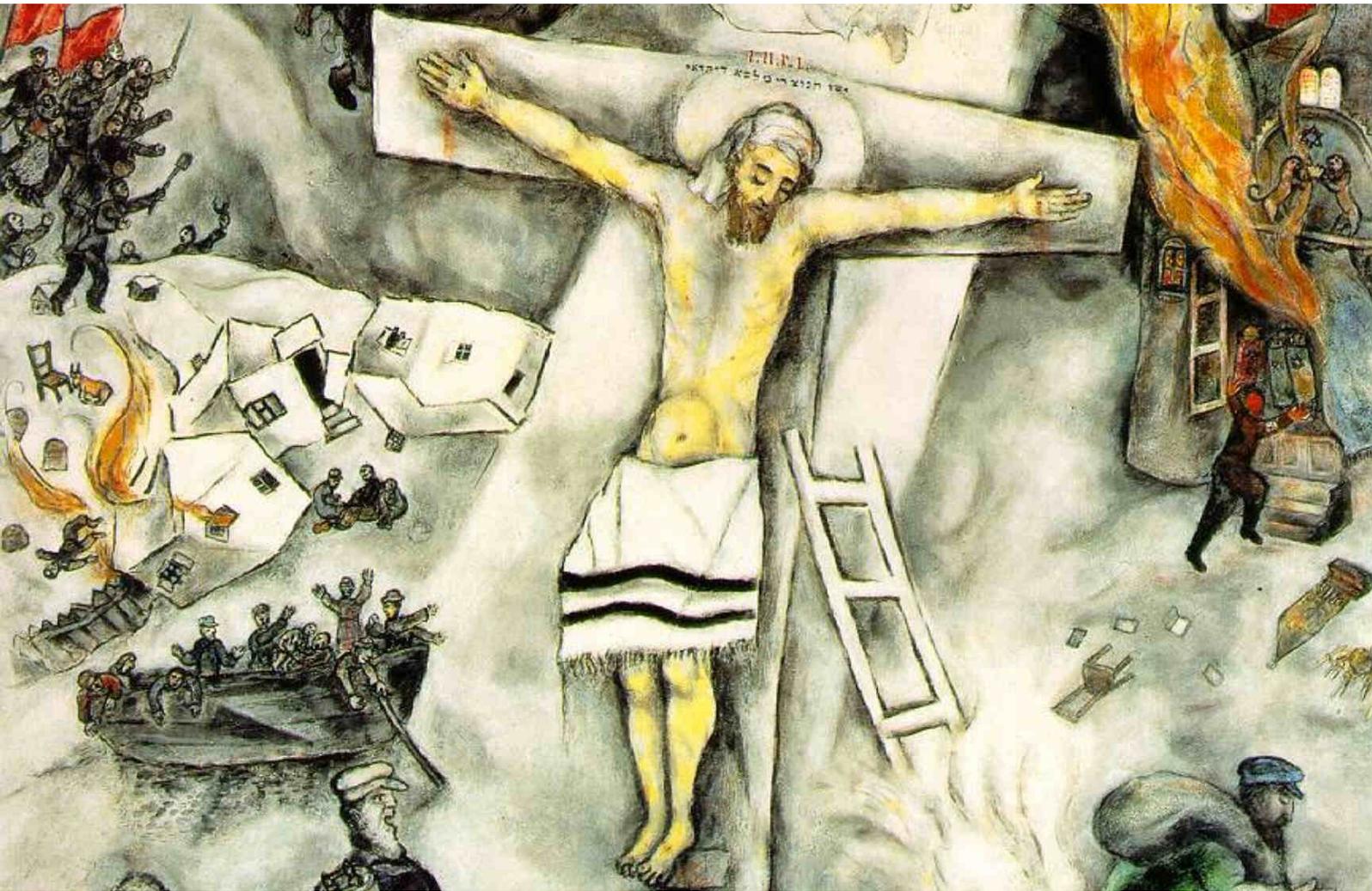
**Wednesdays | 2:00 pm | All Saints**

4<sup>th</sup> March | 11<sup>th</sup> March | 18<sup>th</sup> March | 25<sup>th</sup> March

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# Stations of the Cross



The White Crucifixion | Marc Chagall

*Quiet and reflective services,  
following Jesus on his journey to the Cross.*

**Tuesdays | 2:00 pm | St. Thomas'**

24<sup>th</sup> February | 3<sup>rd</sup> March | 10<sup>th</sup> March | 17<sup>th</sup> March | 24<sup>th</sup> March

**Thursdays | 7:00 pm | Zoom**

26<sup>th</sup> February | 5<sup>th</sup> March | 12<sup>th</sup> March | 19<sup>th</sup> March

**Fridays | 7:00 pm | All Saints**

27<sup>th</sup> February | 6<sup>th</sup> March | 13<sup>th</sup> March | 20<sup>th</sup> March | 27<sup>th</sup> March

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